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February 19, 2003

**ACTON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS  
LEGAL SECTION**

Dear Paula:

Enclosed please find an ad to be placed in the Thursday, March 6, 2003 in the Legal Section of the Acton Beacon.

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472 Main Street  
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Christine Joyce  
Town Manager's Office

**781-453-6650**

Cc: David Abbt

**TOWN OF ACTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March ~~24~~, 2003 at 7:10 PM in Room 204 of the Acton Town Hall on several proposed amendments to the existing Traffic Rules and Orders as follows:

**STOP SIGNS**

- 1.) To install a new Stop sign so as to face the eastbound drivers on Littlefield Road at Central Street.
- 2.) To install a new Stop sign so as to face the eastbound drivers on Conant Street at High Street.
- 3.) To install a new Stop sign so as to face the northbound drivers on Forest Road at Minot Avenue and remove the current Yield sign.
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- 13.) To authorize by vote the existing Stop sign facing westbound drivers on Prescott Road at Robbins Street.

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**TOWN OF ACTON  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**Date:** February 11, 2003

**To:** Don P. Johnson, Town Manager

**From:** David F. Abbt, Engineering Administrator



**Subject:** Amendment to the Traffic Rules and Orders

Enclosed is a Notice of Public Hearing and two Amendments to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders, one amendment is for new Stop Signs, and the other is for existing Stop signs. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 22 (the authority under which the Selectmen can adopt Traffic Rules and Orders) only requires that before taking effect the amendments as voted by the Selectmen be advertised once in a local newspaper. However, traditionally the selectmen have advertised and held a public hearing prior to adopting an amendment to the Traffic Rules and Orders. In this way, they can deal with any public comments or objections prior to the vote on the amendment.

The first Stop sign amendment is for new installations recommended by the Safety Officer. In most cases, individual reports were sent to you previously. The second Stop sign amendment is for several existing stop signs on accepted subdivision roads. The Planning Board as part of the subdivision approval process required these signs, and now that the roads have been accepted as Town Ways, the signs need to be formally voted into the Traffic Rules and Orders to be enforceable.

This matter should be placed on the Selectmen's agenda and the Notice of Public Hearing placed in the Legal Ads one week prior to the hearing.

C.C.

Frank Widmayer, Chief of Police

Detective Robert Cowan, Safety Officer

David Brown, Highway Superintendent

# GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

## PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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### TITLE VII. CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS.

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#### CHAPTER 40. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

##### **Chapter 40: Section 22. Regulation of vehicles; penalties for violation; disabled veterans and handicapped persons excepted from parking violations; taxicab licenses.**

Section 22. Except as otherwise provided in section eighteen of chapter ninety and subject, so far as applicable, to section two of chapter eighty-five and sections eight and nine of chapter eighty-nine, a city or town may make ordinances or bylaws, or the board of aldermen or the selectmen or the town council may make rules and orders, for the regulation of carriages and vehicles used therein, and may set penalties for the violation thereof; and may set and receive an annual fee for each license granted to a person to use any such carriage or vehicle therein. No such rule or order shall prohibit the use of passenger or station wagon type motor vehicles whose gross weight is less than five thousand pounds and which are registered for commercial use, on ways, parkways or boulevards where noncommercial passenger-type motor vehicles are permitted to operate. Such rules and orders shall not take effect until they have been published at least once in a newspaper published in the city, town or county.

No penalty shall be imposed upon any disabled veteran or handicapped person, whose vehicle bears the distinctive number plates, or displays the special parking identification plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety or bears the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province, for parking such vehicle on any way for a longer period of time than permitted by said ordinances, by-laws, rules or orders.

Except in the counties of Dukes and Nantucket every metered taxicab licensed under this section shall have the name or the trade name of the owner and the name of the city or town in which it is licensed painted on the sides thereof in letters not less than four inches high and one half inch wide.

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# **Town of Acton, Massachusetts**

## **Board of Selectmen**

### **Amendment to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders**

Voted: That the Traffic Rules and Orders adopted by the Board of Selectmen under date of March 25, 1937, are hereby amended by adding to the end of Article VIII, Section 7 (Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs) the following new locations:

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